

Please Don't Cry

PLEASE DON'T CRY FOR ME, I am at peace, I now rest.  
Please don't be sad. Think of memories at their best.  
Please don't be bitter. Days are too short and few.  
Please don't be lonely, for I'll always be with you.  
Please try to accept that it was just my time to go.  
Please always remember how I loved you so.  
Please be strong. Don't be in any pain.  
Please wipe those tears, for we will meet again.  
Please show a smile when you think of me.  
FOR IN GOD'S HANDS IS WHERE I NOW WILL BE.



### Acknowledgement

The family of Mr. Sherwood Gill would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, and support during this time of mourning.



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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF Mr. Sherwood Lee Gill "Smokey"



**Monday, May 12, 2025**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Ellis Chapel Baptist Church**  
**Shelby, North Carolina**  
**Rev. Ray Lockhart, Jr., Pastor**

**December 1, 1951 - May 3, 2025**

# His JOURNEY

Mr. Sherwood Lee Gill, better known as Smokey, 73, of Shelby, NC, passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Atrium Main, Charlotte, NC. Born in Cleveland County, NC, on December 1, 1951, he was the son of the late Edward Lee Gill and Louise Lockhart Gill.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Joe Louis McGill, Sr., Sheila E. Gill Farmer, and Avery V. Gill Patterson.

Smokey attended Shelby High School, graduating in 1970. He was employed in textiles for most of his career. He began his career at Esther Mills, afterwards he worked at Cone Mills as a supervisor for at least 20 years and retired from Green Heck.

He was a devoted member of Ellis Chapel Baptist Church, where he and his wife served faithfully. Smokey served as President of the Usher's Ministry, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and Assistant Chairman of the Trustee Board. He was a 50-year member of the Providence Lodge #2, Black Eagle 33<sup>rd</sup> Council NC Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed selling wholesale items at Southside Flea Market. In addition, he loved fishing and watching his favorite football team, the Washington Redskins.

He is survived by his wife of more than 43 years, Sarah Hopper Gill; son, Bryant Wright; stepson, Anthony Hopper; sister, Linda D. Grier. Six grandchildren, Taylor, Octavis, Anthony, Jr. Victoria, Antonio, and Christian. Sisters-in-love, Margaret Alexander McGill, Willie Langston, a brother-in-love Walter Lee Hopper with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Officiating Minister.....Rev. Ray Lockhart, Jr.

Receiving of Friends.....1-1:30 p.m.

Congregational Hymn.....Ellis Chapel Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Apostle Michael Moore

New Testament.....Rev. Rose Corry

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. James L. Smith

Selection ..... Ellis Chapel Baptist Church Choir

Remarks.....Strictly 2 Minutes.....Dennis Poston

President of Ushers, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association

Cassandra Farmer-Niece

Carey Mitchell-Deacons' Ministry

James Edwards-ECBC Ushers' Representative

Dr. Linda Williams Lockhart-God-Daughter

Acknowledgements

Reading of Obituary.....Silently

Selection ..... Ellis Chapel Baptist Church Choir

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Ray Lockhart, Jr.

Recessional Selection

Interment  
Ellis Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery  
Shelby, North Carolina